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INTERIM REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and
Transport

on the communication and the proposals from the Commission of the European
Communities to the Council (Doc. 121/78) on ~~marine~~ pollution arising from the
carriage of oil "Amoco Cadiz"

Rapporteur: Lord BRUCE of DONINGTON

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By letter of 3 May 1978, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the communication and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on marine pollution arising from the carriage of oil ("Amoco Cadiz").

The President of the European Parliament referred this communication and proposals to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions.

On 23 May 1978 the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport appointed Lord Bruce of Donington rapporteur.

It considered the draft interim report at its meeting of 24 May 1978 when it agreed that the report should be presented orally and the motion for a resolution was adopted unanimously.

Present: Lord Bruce of Donington, chairman and rapporteur; Mr McDonald, vice-chairman; Mr Brosnan, Mr Damseaux, Mr Fitch, Mr Hoffmann, Mr Ibrugger, Mr Noé, Mr Schyns and Mr Seefeld.

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Budgets have not delivered an opinion on this matter.

The opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection will be delivered orally.

The Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the communication and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on marine pollution arising from the carriage of oil ("Amoco Cadiz")

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the communication and proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (78) 184 final);
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 121/78);
 - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 147/78);
 - gravely concerned by accidents and collisions at sea;
 - having the intention to organise a public hearing on the most effective means of preventing accidents to shipping in Community waters, and the avoidance of consequential marine and coastal pollution;
 - not wanting to delay a Council decision on such an important matter;
1. Approves in principle the proposals from the Commission.
 2. Does not want, however, to anticipate the proceedings of the public hearing which, on its initiative, is to be held in Paris on 20, 21 and 22 June next, and therefore reserves the right to produce a more considered Opinion following that public hearing.

